

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1 to 5. These sheets, which include Figs. 1 to 5, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1 to 5. The changes comply with the Examiner's suggestion to indicate that the depicted features in Figs. 1 to 5 constitute prior art.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. By way of the present amendment, claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 16, and 20 are amended. Claims 3 to 4, 11 to 12, and 18 to 19 are canceled. Thus, claims 1 to 2, 5 to 10, 13 to 17, and 20 to 22 are currently pending for the Examiner's consideration, with claims 1, 9, and 16 being independent claims.

In the Office Action, claims 4 to 8, 12 to 15, and 19 to 22 are indicated as allowable. The present amendment to independent claims 1, 9, and 16 includes their respective incorporation of the features recited in allowable dependent claims 4, 12, and 19. For at least this reason, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, and the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting should be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2525. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 543-0221.

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